

In the Specification:

On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, please add the following new paragraph:

--One known vacuum cleaner design is disclosed by the Model MC-110U product sold by National of Japan. This design is to an upright vacuum cleaner having a nozzle base with a handle pivotally attached to the nozzle base. Secured to the handle is an upper housing including a motor and a filter chamber. The filter chamber includes a dust cup and a filter element mounted to the dust cup via a filter cage. The filter element appears to have a pleated filter medium. The dust cup appears to have an inlet opening at its base and an outlet opening at its open upper end. The filter cage and filter element are mounted to the open end of the dust cup. The motor of the National '110U product appears to be located above the dust cup.--.